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ABSTRACT

Children bereaved by the death of one parent at the hands of the other, almost always the father, in effect lose both parents, and are often forgotten in the midst of such dramatic situations. Reflecting the increased interest in child protection and child law systems, this book brings to public knowledge information about the effects of psychological trauma and bereavement on children. This book combines knowledge about bereavement with that of post-traumatic stress disorder. It is designed for all those involved in the care of these children, both professionally and personally. Part I outlines what is known about the general effects of trauma, violence, and grief on children and adolescents. Part II deals specifically with the results for children of the experience of one parent killing another. Part III summarizes the findings of researchers and makes recommendations about how to plan services for all children and adolescents affected by loss or trauma or both. Appendix 1 is "Interviewing the Traumatized Child"; Appendix 2 is "Principles and Practice in Child Law"; Appendix 3 is "The Classification of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder"; Appendix 4 is "Voluntary Help; Useful Addresses"; and Appendix 5 is "Principles for Practice and Signposts for Future Work." Provides a glossary, name index, and subject index. (Contains 267 references.) (MKA)

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